

REMARKS

Consideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectively requested. Claims 1-24 and 26-36 were pending.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, drawn to pyrazino[2,1-c][1,2,4]triazines (*see, Table 2*). Applicants have canceled claims 3 and 4 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5-24, and 26-36 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 9-11 have been amended to delete the non-elected subject matter and to make minor editorial changes. Such deletions have also been made without prejudice to the filing of the deleted subject matter in a related divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application in future prosecution. Support for the phrase “with the proviso that when Z is CH, then X is nitrogen” may be found, for example, in original claim 5. No new matter has been added.

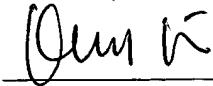
Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction between Inventions I and IV. Applicants submit that examination of Inventions I and IV in the present application would not create a serious burden for the Patent Office. More specifically, Invention IV is drawn to a library of compounds that comprises at least one compound according to claim 1. Thus, prior art references relevant to Invention I would also be relevant to Invention IV. Accordingly, no separate prior art searches are needed if both Invention I and Invention IV are examined in the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Inventions I and IV be rejoined in the present application.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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